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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/471,429  
Filing Date: December 23, 1999  
First Named Inventor: Donald E. Wallar II  
Group Art Unit: 2176  
Examiner Name: Yuan, Almari Romero  
Customer No.: 22032  
Attorney Docket Number: ST9-99-070

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. XXXXX Previously submitted  
i. XXXXX Consider the Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on November 24, 2003 (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed  
i. \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment/Reply  
ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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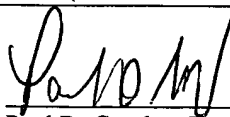
2. Miscellaneous

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. XXXXX The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$770.00 for the for the filing fee for the RCE and and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.  
i. XXXXX RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
c. \_\_\_\_\_ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

December 23, 2003  
Date of Signature

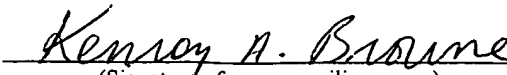
  
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